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Rev. D. Strachan,

Imperial Oil Annuities and Benefits,

Toronto.

Dear Dr. Strachan:

I should be glad if you would send your magazine to the following:

Professor R. M. MacIver
Professor James Mavor
The Social Service Department, 8 Queen's Park
The Librarian of the University
and The Library of the Faculty of Applied Science.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Sir Robert Falconer,
University of Toronto.

My Dear Sir Robert:-

I am taking the liberty of writing you personally on behalf of one of the Varsity students who has been most unfortunate in her course and who has now again fallen by the way. I refer to Miss Bertha Ferguson, whose papers are attached to this letter.

I have known Miss Ferguson from her infancy and have had some sort of watchful care over her since her father's death a number of years ago. She entered University as an honour student, taking several scholarships in her matriculation examination. She started in her first year with the very brightest hopes of being a most brilliant student in her own subjects but unfortunately she was taken ill just at the time when she was doing splendid work. She has been handicapped with her illness all through her course. She was forced to relinquish her honour course and time and again she had to give up her work on account of heart trouble but by sheer persistence she managed to reach her last year. She was doing some extra work that she might earn something to help herself and her mother but just on the eve of the examinations she was taken ill again and Dr. Caven, as you will see by the attached letter, absolutely prohibits her trying to write her examinations. She is asking that the University should grant her her degree without writing. Were it not a very exceptional case I would not dream of asking the University to grant this request but her record as a student has been so good and her examinations have been of such a standard that I am perfectly satisfied that no injustice would be done to anyone if the request were granted.

I am so certain myself that her standard of scholarship is high enough, and more than high enough, to merit the holding of Varsity degree that I trust very much this request will be granted. It will mean a great deal to the lassie to have her degree for one of her temperament would mean a great deal of worry and her recovery would be retarded if this examination is still to be faced.

I trust the Council will look upon this request with favour and if they are convinced, it will not be lowering the standard that is set for Varsity graduates,

that her degree will be given her.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

David Thachan

I find the other papers as sent as
so I am sending them back duly filled
S.J.

May 16th, 1919

Rev. Daniel Strachan, D.D.,

Care Imperial Oil Company, Limited,

Toronto.

My dear Dr. Strachan:

I have spoken to Dr. Brenner about the case of Miss Ferguson. I regret very much that she is in the state in which she is, but Dr. Brenner tells me that her case is being sympathetically considered and I have asked him to do everything he can to help her.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.